



# MARYLAND Department of Health

## Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter February 23, 2018

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### Event: Cancer Survivorship - Fostering Resilience for Cancer Survivors



Image: Group of women in pink attire playing tug-of-war.

#### ***Wednesday, March 7, 2018***

Cancer survivors often complete treatment unprepared to return to a "normal" or a "new normal" reality of life. The University of Maryland Baltimore, School of Nursing, in collaboration with the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, will host an interprofessional conference on preparing cancer survivors for their survivorship journeys. This event will focus on preparing cancer survivors for the challenges of completing treatment and for not only bouncing back, but "bouncing forward" after cancer. Participants will discuss ways in which survivors, their support systems, and their health care team can build resilience after a diagnosis of cancer.

Continuing education credits may be available.

For more information, click [here](#). Find more resources on reducing the burden of cancer, by visiting the MDH Maryland Cancer Collaborative [here](#).

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### Webinar: Improving the Health, Safety, and Well-Being of LGBT Populations (Part 1)



Image: Illustration of a physician wearing a rainbow flag pin on her white coat.

#### ***Wednesday, March 7, 2018***

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals face many barriers in accessing health care including, discrimination, lack of access, misunderstanding, and fear. As a consequence, many LGBT individuals do not regularly

access appropriate and timely care. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine will host a two-part event on improving the health, safety, and well-being of LGBT populations. Participants will:

- Develop a better understanding of the health information needs of the LGBT community;
- Examine the benefits of LGBT-focused cultural competency for the health care team;
- Identify resources for building quality LGBT-focused reference materials; and,
- Gain ideas for outreach strategies to the LGBT community.

For more information, click [here](#). Learn more about minority health and health disparities at the MDH webpage [here](#).

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### **Event: Health Literacy and Older Adults - Reshaping the Landscape**



Image: An older woman smiling at her caregiver.

***Tuesday, March 13, 2018***

Health literacy needs change for older adults as a result of chronic disease management, cognitive and functional declines, and other health communication challenges. The National Academies of Sciences

Engineering and Medicine will host a public workshop on health literacy and healthy aging to focus on the changing needs of older adults. This workshop will also highlight strategies to bridge health literacy gaps for older adults and their caregivers. There will be a live webcast of this workshop.

To register for this workshop, click [here](#).

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### **Event: Annual Public Health Research @ Maryland**



Image: 2018 Public Health Research @ Maryland poster. Text reads, "Reimagining Health. Partnerships. Programs. Policies."

***Tuesday, April 3, 2018***

The University of Maryland College Park (UMD), School of Public Health will host the 2018 Public Health Research @ Maryland. This year's theme is "Reimagining Health:

Partnerships, Programs, Policies." Richard Besser, President and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will serve as the key note speaker at this signature event. Learn more about advances in public health, research opportunities, and potential collaborations between the UMD, University of Maryland Baltimore, and other state and regional partners.

Researchers are invited to submit posters for this conference. The submission deadline is March 16, 2018. Please see the [registration form](#) for more information.

For more information, click [here](#).

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### Event: Health Equity Conference



Image: Illustration of a bird standing on a branch. Text reads, "Early Bird Special!"

#### ***Tuesday, May 8, 2017***

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) will host the Annual Health Equity Conference. This meeting focuses on healthy equity issues in rural America. This conference is designed to bring together those working to bring quality health care and health care services to this underserved population.

NRHA is currently accepting abstracts for poster submissions. Abstracts are due March 22, 2018. The early registration rate is available until April 16, 2018.

Find more event information [here](#). To submit an abstract, click [here](#). Learn more about rural health in Maryland [here](#).

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### Event: Annual Rural Health Conference



Image: A person walking down a dirt path towards a farm.

#### ***Wednesday - Friday, May 9 - 11, 2017***

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) will host the 41st Annual Rural Health Conference, one of the largest rural health events in the nation. The obstacles faced by health care providers and patients in rural areas are vastly different than those in urban areas. This conference serves to connect all those focused on rural health in order to address these disparities. Proposed topics include:

- Chronic disease prevention programs;
- Primary care;
- Oral health and aging;
- Workforce retention; and,
- Team-based population health management.

The early registration rate is available until April 16, 2018.

For more event information, click [here](#). Learn more about rural health programs in Maryland [here](#).

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